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While in general agreement with the Department's "Tank One" Draft, the Embassy offers the following observations:

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a) In delivering the para. 1 statement to the Soviets under circumstances of para. 2 and 4, the statement should include frequencies to be used in broadcasting flight information (para. 9).

b) In the attempt to communicate flight information to the East Germans by the "most expeditious means" (para. 10) to be simultaneous with the broadcasting of flight information by radio on a fixed wave length (para. 9)? In the Embassy view it should be,

c) To whom and how is the statement described in para. 13b to be made? The Embassy suggests that the statement be broadcast by radio on the same wave lengths used to broadcast flight information and also be delivered to the Soviets as in para. 2 and 4.

d) The Embassy strongly recommends that any Three Power action taken under para. 13d or 17b avoid converting the corridors into tunnels for Allied flights, or limiting the number of flight levels available to handle adequately the Allied traffic. Also, the use of the term "non-ellied" is confusing in view of LOT and special flights such as Leipzig Fair flights by non-Three Power Aircraft.

Since the Department's draft is being passed to the British and French Embassies in Washington, it may be assumed that copies will arrive in Bonn in the near future via London and Paris. Has the Embassy discretion to discuss the draft should questions be asked either by the British or the French?

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